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DearDave,

This update for when you return.

Last night Don Freed phoned me. He had just gotten the letter I sent him last week. He says he will be here in about two weeks, when some speaking engagements get him to this part of the country. He wants to contract.

He is not with Wakeford/Orloff, of whom I wrote you (and from whom I have heard nothing since, including not getting payment for the books they bought).

He says Wakeford/Orloff is your friend Ed Lewis.

And he badmouths Lewis, personally.

They have put a special corporation together. It includes Magidson, who appears to have been heavy in the Executive Action action.

You know my opinion of Executive Action, from prior to any of this. And of Lane from before Executive Action. So, I radiate no warmth for Freed.

But I can say no to a quarter of a million, especially broke as I am and living as I have lived and with the handicaps on my work it has meant? Or to even a fraction of it?

So, as soon as you can, please get in touch with Lewis, assuming he and Wakeford/Orloff are one as Freed says, or with Wakeford/Orloff (Gary Horowitz' assistant or secretary spoke to me for him) and see if anything serious is there and if there is, is we can agree on anything before I have to with Freed.

Meanwhile, another good thing may be wasting away. I have been talking to people about it. Last night, late, I had a call from an editor of a southern paper, part of the Knight chain, about what is releveant in the Murphy kidnapping and such insanities in general. And I am, indeed, loaded with this relevant. He will be back to me by the end of the week. I had an inquiry about a series from The National Enquirer on it Monday. When speaking to an editor at Bantam, which will touch nothing from me, meaning my name, I proposed a special to them in which they use my material, not my name, with any writer they want. He is to propose it to Jaffe.

I have extensive files on the paramilitary right and their armies. I have given stuff to the FBI and to a police department with which I work on this. I have dozens of FBI reports on some of their activities, including plots to assassinate. They have the capability and the disposition and the arms and the dedication and a long, long record of some of which I have already written in a book long before its time had come (Coup d'Etat, dating to 1966 and telling it as it came to be). I have many of those guys on tape, having interviewed them. This could not be more topical, with the Hearst and Murphy kidnappings and the presumption they can be the beginning of a national horror as the first hijackings were. The guy in the Murphy case is identified with one of the worst of the racist groups, of whom I know much and of which I have many FBI reports, shocking ones. They think the worst thing about blacks is Jews. Literally. Anyway, there is a movie in this work I have already done and on which all research is thus done. Or I think so. And I'm alone on it, dealing from need with those who can offer least. And there must be a hundred things like this in my files and my earlier work, things that can get hot at any unpredictable moment. Thus, from your description of him, I am very sorry that you never brought Lewis and me together. However, if it is at all possible, I'll do nothing until you return. Except on those fascists and their paramilitary armies and guerrillas, where it is right now for me.

Sincerely,